

SERMON NOTES:

1. Poor Perception

2. Proper Perspective

**This Week at 1st Pres**

**Sunday, July 30**

|          |                         |                 |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 9:00 AM  | Worship Service         | Sanctuary       |
| 9:15 AM  | Children's Church       | Children's Wing |
| 10:15 AM | Sunday School           | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:00 AM | Worship Service         | Sanctuary       |
| 11:30 AM | Children's Church       | Children's Wing |
| 5:15 PM  | Evening Worship Service | Sanctuary       |

**Monday, July 31**

|          |                           |                 |
|----------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 10:00 AM | Flower Delivery Pick-Up   | Connector       |
|          | Women's Prayer Ministry   | Session Room    |
| 6:00 PM  | Indoor Progressive Picnic | Fellowship Hall |

**Tuesday, August 1**

|          |                            |                              |
|----------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10:00 AM | All-Staff Meeting          | Tower 402                    |
|          | Summer Women's Bible Study | Nell Davis                   |
| 12:00 PM | Beatitude Living           | Tower 404                    |
| 6:30 PM  | Summer Women's Bible Study | Tower 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor |

**Wednesday, August 2**

|         |                            |                 |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 6:30 AM | Dead Theologians Society   | Fellowship Hall |
| 4:30 PM | Deacon-on-Call             | Connector       |
|         | World Missions Prayer Time | Tower 303       |
| 5:30 PM | Rapha Fellowship           | Nell Davis      |

**Thursday, August 3**

|          |                             |                |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 10:00 AM | Global Leadership Summit    | Sanctuary      |
|          | Balance Exercise Class      | Student Center |
| 3:15 PM  | First Friends English Class | Student Center |
| 7:30 PM  | Virtual House of Prayer     | Zoom           |

**Friday, August 4**

|          |                          |                             |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 9:00 AM  | Global Leadership Summit | Sanctuary                   |
| 10:15 AM | Support Staff Meeting    |                             |
| 12:00 PM | Card-E-Ology             | Tower 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor |

*The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of a month.  
Prayers for Healing take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of a month.  
The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.*

---

Weekly announcements are available via email subscription or the 1st Pres App. Subscribe to our emails at [1stPresbyterian.com](http://1stPresbyterian.com).



*First Presbyterian Church exists to be a Christ-exalting, city-center church committed to fulfilling the Great Commission in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world, to the glory of the Triune God.*

**The Lord's Day**

**SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023**

**11:00 AM**

† *Please stand as you are able.*

**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**PERSONAL WORSHIP REFLECTION**

The gospel is stronger than man's strength. People cannot rescue themselves from bondage to sin or its punishment by their own power. Human wisdom is unable to conquer "the wages of sin" (Romans 6:23), that is, death. Even so, the good news of Christ rescues and delivers. It overcomes even death (2 Timothy 1:10). Those who believe the gospel know the reality of its wisdom and power. For this reason, they exalt nothing above Christ and His saving work.  
– Dr. Richard L. Pratt

**PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Almighty God,  
Whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan,  
come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations.  
Since You know our many weaknesses,  
may we find You mighty to save.  
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever, amen.

**PRELUDE**

*"All Hail the Power" arr. Stephen Nielson/Ovid Young  
Dr. Sigrid Luther, piano, and Patrick Rice, organ*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. John Rutter*

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 103:1-2, 13, 17 NIV*

Pastor: Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

**People: Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all His benefits.**

Pastor: As a father has compassion on His children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

**People: But from everlasting to everlasting  
the LORD’s love is with those who fear Him,  
and His righteousness with their children’s children.**

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

*“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”  
“Children of the Heavenly Father” No. 131 (vv. 1-6)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 26*

Pastor: What do you believe when you say,  
“I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth?”

**People: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who out of nothing created heaven and earth  
and everything in them,  
Who still upholds and rules them  
by His eternal counsel and providence,  
is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.  
Therefore, I trust God that He will provide  
whatever I need for body and soul,  
and will turn to my good whatever adversity  
He sends upon me in this world.  
God is able to do this because He is almighty God,  
and He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*“And Can It Be That I Should Gain” No. 455 (vv. 1, 3-5)*

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

*“Almighty Father” by Benjamin Harlan*

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

*Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.*

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

***I Corinthians 1:25 — “A Problem of Perception”***  
*“I Corinthians: The Challenge of the Cross”*  
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

***“It Is Well with My Soul” No. 691 (vv. 1-4)***

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

*based on Philippians 4:7*

Pastor: May the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus,  
and may the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you and dwell in your hearts forever.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*“Courante” by Michael Praetorius  
Wayne Estrada, trumpet, and Patrick Rice, organ*

***Stay connected and informed with the 1st Pres app. Text APP to 423-888-0345.***

**554 McCallie Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37402**

Office (423) 267-1206 office@1stpresbyterian.com www.1stpresbyterian.com



*New to 1st Pres?  
We’d love to connect with you!  
Scan with your phone camera  
to fill out a connect card.*



*To make a secure contribution  
to First Pres, scan the above QR  
code with your phone camera or  
text GIVE to 423-888-0345.*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Hugh and Mazie Cory and Glen and Julia Clark by Bruce and Leslie Cory.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by  
volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

Pastors

Gabe Fluhrer, *Senior Pastor*  
gabe@1stpresbyterian.com

Dick Cain, *Senior Assistant Pastor*  
dick@1stpresbyterian.com

Chris Ehlers, *Congregational Care &  
Assimilation*  
chrisehlers@1stpresbyterian.com

Dick Fisher, *Visitation*  
ref27@msn.com

Mike Haberkorn, *Discipleship,  
Children & Youth*  
mike@1stpresbyterian.com

Randy Nabors, *Missions*  
randy@1stpresbyterian.com

Don Holwerda, *Church Administrator*  
don@1stpresbyterian.com

Directors

Jessica Bayless, *Communications &  
Community Coordinator*  
jessica@1stpresbyterian.com

West Breedlove, *Assistant Director of  
Worship*  
west@1stpresbyterian.com

Emily Brelsford, *Kids*  
emily@1stpresbyterian.com

Shad Guinn, *Community Outreach*  
shad@1stpresbyterian.com

Darrin Hassevoort, *Music & Worship*  
darrin@1stpresbyterian.com

Brad Roberts, *Youth*  
brad@1stpresbyterian.com

Forrest Walker, *Vesper Point*  
forrest@vesperpoint.org